



Mrs. Bass's Kindergarten News

Last Week: Jan. 23-27

January 29, 2012

Reading:

Last week we read Penguin Pen Pals, Tacky the Penguin, First Discovery Penguins, and Penguins. We identified them as fiction or non-fiction. We wrote facts about penguins. We made a book about the life of a penguin. We even created our own Tacky the Penguin.

We continue to work on our set 3 sight words. I am very pleased with those children who have been studying and using their decoding skills to sound out words.

Math:

We continue to work on identifying coins and their amounts. We play a game called Bang. This is just a coin recognition game they love to play.

Phonics:

We have finished our diagraphs sh, ch, th, wh. We work on identifying them in words and applying their sound.

Writing:

We have been writing on our winter journals. We wrote facts about penguins.

On Friday we enjoyed the movie Tangled on the big screen in the gym. This was our January celebration for no red cards or trips to Mr. Fisher for poor behavior.

We welcomed a new student, Bryson, on Monday.

Reminders:

Snack Schedule Jan 30-Feb 3

30 Mon.	
31 Tues.	Gabe
1 Wed.	Ethan
2 Thurs.	Maci
3 Fri.	EJ

This Week: Jan. 30-Feb. 3

We kick off the week with our 100th Day Celebration. The children have been working very hard for the first 100 days of school. All of our activities will deal with the number 100.

Reading

We'll be reading about animals that hibernate for the winter in honor of Groundhogs Day on Thursday. We will start the comprehension skill of Main Idea.

Phonics

We will be working on words with the short a sound in a cvc pattern.

Writing

We continue our daily weekly writing. Often during centers the children will copy the sentence starter and then chop the missing words. In their Monday journals they chop all the words themselves.

Math

We will finish up our coin unit this week. We will continue to practice those throughout the remainder of the year. Keep practicing at home.

We are starting a new reward system this week. Each child will receive a punch card with 22 snowflakes. For each E they get on daily work they will get a punch. When the card is full they will get a trip to the prize bucket. I am hoping it will inspire some children to be more conscious of the work they produce.

News to know:

Our classroom Valentine party will be on Feb. 14. children will need to bring a Valentine card for each classmate. I will send home a class list and names of teachers they may want to make a card for. We will be making and decorating bags at school to receive their cards in. I will be contacting those parents who have signed up to help.

Dental Exam

In the state of Illinois all Kindergartners need to have a Dental Exam by May 15. The Illini Dental Society is offering a free clinic on Sat. Feb. 4, 10am-2pm at Lincoln Square Mall for children age 1-17. No appointment is needed, and this would cover the requirement by the state.